

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY LONDON  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 4806  
INFO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA IMMEDIATE  
AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY MAPUTO NIACT IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY DAR ES SALAAM IMMEDIATE  
USMISSION USUN NEW YORK IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE  
AMEMBASSY GABORONE IMMEDIATE

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PDEV RH US UK  
SUBJECT: RHODESIA: GRAHAM/LOW MISSION  
  
REF: LUSAKA 1160 (NOTAL)

1. JOHNNY GRAHAM CALLED, AFTER CONSULTING WITH  
DR. OWEN, TO ASK US TO PUT URGENTLY TO DEPARTMENT  
SUGGESTION THAT HE AND LOW GO FIRST TO SALISBURY FOR  
TALKS THERE ON APRIL 7 AND 8, THENCE ON TO MAPUTO OR  
LUSAKA TO MEET NKOMO AND MUGABE ON APRIL 9 OR 10.

2. REASONS FOR THIS SUGGESTION ARE:

(A) IT APPEARS IMPOSSIBLE TO MEET PF LEADERS IN  
MAPUTO APRIL 6 SINCE: (I) MUGABE IS NOW AT HEATHROW  
AIRPORT, FLYING TONIGHT (APRIL 5) TO ROME, THENCE ON  
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TO MAPUTO (BRITISH UNAWARE OF HIS EXACT FLIGHT PLANS  
AND ETA MAPUTO -- EMBASSY NOTES BEST SCHEDULED CONNEC-  
TION WOULD ENABLE ARRIVAL MAPUTO APRIL 6 AT 10:50 A.M.)  
(II) AT BEST, GRAHAM COULD DEPART LONDON TONIGHT TO  
ARRIVE JOHANNESBURG TOMORROW 11:00 A.M., THENCE ON TO  
MAPUTO BY USDAO PLANE, BUT GRAHAM RELUCTANT TO GO INTO  
MEETINGS SO SOON AFTER ARDUOUS TRAVEL; (III) NKOMO AND

MUGABE APPEAR OUT OF TOUCH WITH ONE ANOTHER AND THERE-  
FORE IT IS UNLIKELY MEETING COULD BE LAID ON FOR  
APRIL 6.

(B) UK/US SUGGESTED APRIL 7/8 DATES TO SALISBURY  
LEADERS WHICH THEY ACCEPTED; WE MADE NO SUGGESTION THAT  
TALKS WITH THEM WOULD BE SECOND, AND IF WE NOW DELAYED  
THEM BECAUSE WE COULDN'T MEET THE PF FIRST, THEY WOULD  
TAKE THIS AS EXAMPLE OF HOW WE ARE IN PF'S POCKET.

3. GRAHAM THEREFORE PROPOSES, SHOULD PARA ONE ITINERARY  
BE ACCEPTABLE TO USG, TO FLY TONIGHT TO SALISBURY VIA  
JOHANNESBURG FOR MEETINGS THERE TO BEGIN APRIL 7.

4. GRAHAM STRESSES HE NEEDS US DECISION BY 6:00 P.M.  
TODAY AT LATEST.

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